

**Before the
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554**

In the Matter of)	
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Amendment of section 73.622(i),)	MB Docket No. 20-428
Post-Transition Table of DTV Allotments,)	RM-11870
Television Broadcast Stations)	
(Columbia, Missouri))	

REPORT AND ORDER

(Proceeding Terminated)

Adopted: March 4, 2021

Released: March 4, 2021

By the Chief, Video Division, Media Bureau:

1. The Video Division, Media Bureau (Bureau), has before it a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking¹ issued in response to a petition for rulemaking filed by The Curators of the University of Missouri (University), the licensee of KOMU-TV, channel 8 (NBC/CW), Columbia, Missouri. The University has requested the substitution of UHF channel 27 for VHF channel 8 at Columbia in the DTV Table of Allotments.²

2. The University filed comments in support of the petition, as required by the Commission's rules,³ reaffirming its commitment to applying for channel 27. No other comments were filed. We believe the public interest would be served by substituting channel 27 for channel 8 at Columbia. The channel substitution will permit the station to better serve its viewers, who have experienced reception problems with VHF channel 8. The University further explained that it cannot increase the station's effective radiated power because it would cause interference to the maximized facilities of WSIU-TV at Carbondale, Illinois.

3. Channel 27 can be substituted for channel 8 at Columbia, Missouri, as proposed, in compliance with the principal community coverage requirements of section 73.625(a) of the Commission's rules,⁴ at coordinates 38-53-21.0 N and 92-15-43.2 W. In addition, we find that this channel change meets the technical requirements set forth in sections 73.616 and 73.623 of the Commission's rules with the following specifications:⁵

¹Amendment of Section 73.73.622(i), *Post-Transition Table of DTV Allotments, Television Stations (Columbia, Missouri)*, MB Docket No. 20-428 and RM-11870, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 35 FCC Rcd 14577 (Vid. Div. 2020) (*NPRM*).

² As noted in the *NPRM*, on April 13, 2017, the Commission completed the incentive auction and broadcast television spectrum repacking authorized by the Spectrum Act, and the post-incentive auction transition period ended on July 13, 2020. The Bureau will amend the rules to reflect all new full power channel assignments in a revised Table of Allotments, but because the Table has not yet been amended, the Bureau has continued to refer to the Post-Transition Table of DTV Allotments, 47 CFR § 73.622(i) (2018), for the purpose of this proceeding. See *NPRM*, 35 FCC Rcd 14577, n.1.

³ 47 CFR §§ 1.415, 1.419; see also *Buffalo, Iola, Normangee, and Madisonville, Texas*, Report and Order, MB Docket No. 07-729, 24 FCC Rcd 8192, 8194, para. 9 (MB 2009).

⁴ 47 CFR § 73.625(a).

⁵ 47 CFR §§ 73.616, 73.623.

<u>City and State</u>	<u>DTV Channel</u>	<u>DTV Power (kW)</u>	<u>Antenna HAAT (m)</u>	<u>DTV Service Pop.</u>
Columbia, Missouri	27	1000	266	542,230

4. We also conclude that good cause exists to make this channel change effective immediately upon publication in the Federal Register, pursuant to section 553(d)(3) of the Administrative Procedures Act.⁶ An expedited effective date is necessary in this case to ensure that station KOMU-TV can provide improved service to the market as quickly as possible.

5. Accordingly, pursuant to the authority contained in sections 4(i), 5(c)(1), 303(g) and (r) and 307(b) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. §§ 154(i), 155(c)(1), 303(g), (r), and 307(b) and sections 0.61, 0.204(b) and 0.283 of the Commission's rules, 47 CFR §§ 0.61, 0.204(b), and 0.283, **IT IS ORDERED**, That effective immediately upon the date of publication in the Federal Register, the DTV Table of Allotments, section 73.622(i) of the Commission's rules, 47 CFR § 73.622(i), **IS AMENDED**, with respect to the community listed below, to read as follows:

<u>City and State</u>	<u>Channel No.</u>
Columbia, Missouri	17, 27

6. **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED**, That within 30 days of the effective date of this Order, The Curators of the University of Missouri shall submit to the Commission a minor change application for a construction permit (Form 2100, Schedule A) specifying channel 27 in lieu of channel 8.

7. **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED**, That pursuant to section 801(a)(1)(A) of the Congressional Review Act, 5 U.S.C. § 801(a)(1)(A), the Commission **SHALL SEND** a copy of the Order to Congress and to the Government Accountability Office.

8. **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED**, That should no petitions for reconsideration or petitions for judicial review be timely filed, MB Docket No. 20-428 **SHALL BE TERMINATED** and its docket closed.

9. For further information concerning the proceeding listed above, contact Joyce L. Bernstein, Video Division, Media Bureau, (202) 418-1647, Joyce.Bernstein@fcc.gov.

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⁶ 5 U.S.C. § 553(d)(3).